

Cape Cod

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Cape Cod National Seashore



Ranger-Guided Activities April 16 through 30, 2006

SALT POND VISITOR CENTER

OPEN DAILY 9 TO 4:30 PM, OFF ROUTE 6,
EASTHAM. 508 255 - 3421

The extensively-rehabilitated Salt Pond Visitor Center offers magnificent views of Salt Pond, Nauset Marsh, and the Atlantic beyond; an outstanding museum; and hourly films in the remodeled theater with a new, digital audio-visual system. Staff are on duty to help with trip planning, and there is a well-stocked store offering books, maps, puzzles, games and other interpretive items for sale. A new restroom facility is available in the parking area. The Nauset Marsh and Buttonbush trails, and the Nauset Bicycle Trail are located nearby.


PROVINCE LANDS *Re-opens* VISITOR CENTER *May 1.*

OPEN DAILY BEGINNING MAY 1, OFF RACE POINT
ROAD, PROVINCETOWN. 508 487 - 1256

Just two miles from the tip of the Cape, this center features an observation deck with 360-degree views; a small exhibit area; showings of park orientation films on the hour (9-4); staff on duty to assist with trip planning, and sales of books, maps, puzzles, games and other interpretive items. Restrooms with flush toilets and sinks are available in the parking area. The Province Lands Bike Trail and Race Point Beach are nearby.


Visit our website at www.nps.gov/caco

Saturdays

WALK: SHORELINE STROLL - 10 A.M., 1 hour, 1 mile. Free. Walk through the diverse habitats, and explore the natural processes of the Great Island land bridge known as "the gut." Discover how wildlife has adapted to this area. Meet at the Great Island parking area, Wellfleet. Family program. 


HOUSE TOUR: CAPTAIN EDWARD PENNIMAN HOUSE - 11 A.M., 1 hour. Free. Explore the interior of this historic home at Fort Hill. Learn about this whaling captain and his well-traveled family. **BY RESERVATION ONLY. CALL SALT POND VISITOR CENTER AT 508 255-3421 EXT. 0.** Meet at the Penniman House at Fort Hill, Eastham.




WALK: THE LEGEND OF THE PIRATE SHIP WHYDAH - 1:30 P.M., 2 hours, 1 mile. Free. April 22 only. Join a park ranger for this exploration into the history and legend of this infamous pirate ship and her captain, Black Sam Bellamy. Meet at the Marconi Beach bathhouse, Wellfleet. Family program. 

TALK: THE SCOOP ON SEALS - 2 P.M., 45 minutes. Free. April 29 only.



Humans and seals both love to play in the water, but did you ever wonder how seals keep the water from going up their noses, or how they're able to stay under that cold water long after we've turned blue? Don't hold your breath! Seals are more different from us than you might realize! Come and learn, as we discuss seals' special adaptations to their watery world. Takes place inside at the Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham. Family program. 

INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY EVENTS - Free. April 22 only. Communication history was made in 1903 when Guglielmo Marconi sent and received the first two-way, transatlantic wireless message between Wellfleet and Great Britain. **International Marconi Day** is celebrated around the world to commemorate Marconi's achievements. **OPEN HOUSE AT THE COAST GUARD STATION, COAST GUARD BEACH, EASTHAM - 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.** Seashore staff and amateur radio operators will operate high frequency radios to make two-way contacts with historic Marconi Stations, and operators around the world. Combine a visit to the Coast Guard Station with a trip to the place where it all happened. **VISIT THE FORMER MARCONI STATION SITE, OFF ROUTE 6, WELFLEET, WHERE A RANGER WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 10 A.M. TO NOON, AND FROM 1 P.M. TO 3 P.M.** 

Sundays

WALK: ARCHEOLOGY ON THE CAPE - 10:30 A.M., 1½ hours, up to 1½ miles.



Free. April 23 and 30 only. Learn about the process of archeology, and the various discoveries archeology has uncovered within Cape Cod National Seashore, especially the Carns Site at Coast Guard Beach. Meet at Coast Guard Beach parking area, Eastham.

WALK: THE LORE OF NAUSET MARSH - 2 P.M., up to 1½ hours, up to 1½ miles. Free. April 23 and 30 only. Learn about the rich natural and human history around Nauset Marsh, and how each has affected the other over time. Meet on the terrace at the Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham.

TOUR: THREE SISTERS LIGHTHOUSES - 3 P.M., 1 hour, ½ mile. Free. These 19th-century lighthouses once provided a beacon for sailors off the shore of Nauset Light Beach. Learn of their history and importance. Meet at Nauset Light Beach parking area, Eastham.



ONE - TIME PROGRAMS

Monday April 17

TALK: MYSTERY OF A SALT POND - 2 P.M., 30 minutes. Free. Explore the connection between kettle ponds, salt ponds, and sea level rise. The Salt Pond can tell us the story of past and ongoing geologic events that have shaped the landscape we see from the visitor center view. Takes place on the terrace (or indoors in inclement weather) at the Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham. Family program.

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Tuesday April 18

ACTIVITY: ARCHEOLOGY FOR KIDS 10:30 A.M., 1½ hours. Free. Kids can participate in this mock archeology dig, to explore the tools and techniques that archeologists use to learn about people of the past. **BY RESERVATION ONLY. CALL SALT POND VISITOR CENTER AT 508 255-3421 EXT. 0.** Parents must be present. Meet at Coast Guard Beach parking area, Eastham. Family program.

WALK: WHERE THE SPARK OF MAGIC HAPPENED, MARCONI TRIUMPHED - 2 P.M., 30 minutes, ¼ mile. Free. Explore the actual site where in 1903 Guglielmo Marconi transmitted the first official wireless message across the ocean. Learn about the site, and the significant events that occurred there. Meet in the parking area of the Marconi Station Site, Wellfleet. Family program.



Wednesday April 19

TALK: THE BIRTH OF A NATIONAL SEASHORE - 2 P.M., 15 minutes. Free. In advance of National Park Week, learn some of the reasons that led to the protection and preservation of this beautiful stretch of coastal habitat, and explore some of the steps in history which led to the creation of Cape Cod National Seashore. Takes place at the Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham. The talk will be followed by an optional viewing of a film focusing on National Parks.

Thursday April 20

TALK: FROM BLOWHOLES TO BALEEN - 2 P.M., 30 minutes. Free. Whales, giants of the deep, have fascinated humans over the ages. Join a ranger as we have a "whale of a time" exploring the natural history of these amazing animals, from their ancestral origins to their special adaptations as marine mammals. Takes place at the Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham. Family program.

Friday April 21

WALK: WOODCOCK WATCH - 7 P.M., 1 hour, 1 mile. Free. Walk at dusk to experience some of the sights and sounds of the night, especially the unusual mating ritual of the American woodcock. **Directions:** Take the Truro Center/Pamet Roads exit off Route 6 and follow North Pamet Road to the end. Meet at the parking area adjacent to the Environmental Education Center. Family program.



American woodcock (nearly 1 ft. long, including the long bill). The European woodcock is longer.

Tuesday April 25

EXPLORE YOUR PARK SERIES EVENT HIKE: BOUND BROOK ISLAND - 9 A.M., 2½ hours, 1 mile. Free. Examine Cape Cod's history through one of Wellfleet's first settlements. Learn about the people, and the cultural and natural history of this once-thriving community. Meet at the Atwood-Higgins House parking area, Wellfleet. **Directions:** Take Route 6 north. Turn left onto Pamet Point Road, the last road before crossing the Truro town line.



**CELEBRATE
NATIONAL PARK WEEK
APRIL 22ND THROUGH 30TH
"CONNECTING CHILDREN TO
AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS"**

When visiting park locations, remain in designated areas to reduce exposure to disease-carrying insects, poison ivy, and other natural risks. Observe trail conditions while walking, and be aware of tree roots, stumps, and other naturally-occurring hazards.



The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.